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FAIRBANKS MAN & WOMAN SENTENCED TO FEDERAL PRISON IN DRUG CONSPIRACY

Fairbanks, Alaska – United States Attorney Nelson P. Cohen announced that on May 23, 2008, Lamont Glenn Washington and Tammi Mae Chapman, both residents of Fairbanks, were sentenced in federal court in Fairbanks as part of a drug conspiracy to import and distribute cocaine. Washington, also known as “Monte,” was sentenced to 87 months in prison, and Chapman was sentenced to 32 months.

United States District Court Judge Ralph R. Beistline imposed the sentence on Washington, age 34, and Chapman, age 20.

According to information presented to the court by Assistant United States Attorney Bryan Schroder, Washington paid Chapman to import cocaine from Seattle to Fairbanks on two occasions, in April and May of 2006. Chapman then recruited another courier to replace her. That courier was arrested carrying cocaine from Seattle to Fairbanks in June 2006. The second courier has already been sentenced. All together, Washington and Chapman conspired to import over two kilos of cocaine into Fairbanks.

Prior to imposing sentence, Judge Beistline recognized how drug dealers injure the community of Fairbanks. He also recognized Washington’s role in recruiting and using two young women, who are now convicted felons.

Mr. Cohen commended the Drug Enforcement Administration and the U.S. Army Criminal Investigations Division for the investigation leading to the successful prosecution of Washington and Chapman.

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